CLAIMS

1. A medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating the following ingredients:
(1) the medicament with an unpleasant taste,
(2) methylcellulose, and
(3) mannitol.

2. The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is about 0.05 to about 10 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste.

3. The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is about 0.15 to about 7 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste.

4. The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is about 0.8 to about 5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the medicament with an unpleasant taste.

5. The medicament-containing particle according to any

one of claims 1 - 4 wherein the amount of the mannitol is about 0.3 to about 50 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

6. The medicament-containing particle according to any one of claims 1 - 4 wherein the amount of the mannitol is about 0.5 to about 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

7. The medicament-containing particle according to any one of claims 1 - 4 wherein the amount of the mannitol is about 0.7 to about 7.5 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

8. The medicament-containing particle according to any one of claims 1 - 7 wherein the mannitol is D-mannitol.

9. The medicament-containing particle according to any one of claims 1 - 8 wherein the medicament with an unpleasant taste is 4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl]benzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. The medicament-containing particle according to claim 1, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating the

following ingredients:

(1) (±)-4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl]benzamide citrate dihydrate as a medicament,

(2) methylcellulose, and

(3) D-mannitol,

wherein the amount of the methylcellulose is about 0.15 to about 7 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of (±)-4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]methyl]benzamide citrate, and

the amount of the D-mannitol is about 0.5 to about 12 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of the methylcellulose.

11. A solid preparation comprising the medicament-containing particle set forth in any one of claims 1 - 10 and other ingredients for pharmaceutical preparation.

12. The solid preparation according to claim 11 which is a tablet-like preparation or a granule-like preparation.

13. The solid preparation according to claim 12 wherein the tablet-like preparation is in the form of a tablet or a pill.

14. The solid preparation according to claim 12 wherein

the granule-like preparation is in the form of a granule, a fine granule or a powder.

15. The solid preparation according to any one of claims 11 - 14 which is an intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation.

16. The solid preparation according to claims 15 wherein the intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation is in the form of a tablet.

17. The solid preparation according to claim 15 wherein the intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation is a granule-like preparation.

18. The intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation set forth in any one of claims 15 - 17 which is characterized by the following properties:

(i) disintegrating within 40 seconds on a tongue of a healthy adult with his mouth closed and without chewing,

(ii) dissolving at a substantial dissolution rate of 85% or more after 15 minutes according to the dissolution test described in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia XIV [using Method 2 (50 rpm) for tablets or Method 1 (50 rpm) for granule-like preparation, resolution medium : 900 mL of

water], and

(iii) not substantially feeling an unpleasant taste on setting the preparation in buccal cavity.

19. A composition for preparing the intrabuccally rapidly disintegrating preparation set forth in claim 15, which comprises

a medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing and granulating the medicament with an unpleasant taste, methylcellulose and mannitol;

an excipient; and

a disintegrator.

20. A process for preparing a medicament-containing particle wherein an unpleasant taste of the medicament is alleviated, which is obtainable by mixing (1) the medicament with an unpleasant taste, (2) methylcellulose and (3) mannitol, and granulating the mixture with water or a water-containing solvent.

21. A commercial package which comprises the solid preparation set forth in claim 11 comprising 4-amino-5-chloro-2-ethoxy-N-[[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-morpholinyl]-methyl]benzamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt

thereof as a medicament with an unpleasant taste; and a written matter as to the solid preparation,

including a description on the outside of the package or in the written matter inside the package which intends that the solid preparation can/should be used for promoting gastrointestinal motility, improving postgastrectomy condition, or preventing/treating gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).